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Pastor Martin T. Pickett, Agent
First Baptist Church of Merrifield
8122 Ransell Road
Falls Church, Virginia 22042

**Re: RZ 2014-PR-006 – TRUSTEES OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF
MERRIFIELD
Providence District**

Dear Pastor Pickett:

At its October 30, 2014 meeting, the Planning Commission voted 10-0 (Commissioners Flanagan and Lawrence were absent from the meeting) to **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of the above referenced application to the Board of Supervisors. A copy of the verbatim transcript is attached.

This letter serves as a record of the Planning Commission's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors and not as the final approval. The application is still subject to the final decision by the Board of Supervisors.

This action does not constitute exemption from the various requirements of this County and State. The applicant is responsible for ascertaining if permits are required and for obtaining the necessary permits.

Sincerely,

Jill G. Cooper, AICP
Executive Director

cc: Linda Smyth, Supervisor, Providence District
Kenneth Lawrence, Planning Commissioner, Providence District
Catherine A. Chianese, Assistant County Executive, County Executive Office
William O'Donnell, Staff Coordinator, ZED, DPZ
Robert Harrison, ZED, DPZ
October 30, 2014 date file

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Planning Commission Meeting
October 22, 2014
Verbatim Excerpt

RZ 2014-PR-006 – TRUSTEES OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MERRIFIELD

After Close of the Public Hearing

Chairman Murphy: Public hearing is closed; recognize Mr. Hart.

Commissioner Hart: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm happy to pinch hit tonight for Commissioner Lawrence. Let me first thank Billy O'Donnell for his help on this case. Let me also thank all the folks that came out for showing their support and, more importantly, for not speaking.

Chairman Murphy: I can give him a big "Amen" on that one. I'll tell you that.

Commissioner Hart: This is a very straightforward case; an expansion of an existing church that has been in the Merrifield area longer than any of us. It meets all the requirements. It has a very substantial proffer package, has staff's favorable recommendation with which I concur and Commissioner Lawrence concurs as well. I will therefore, Mr. Chairman, have three motions. First, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF RZ 2014-PR-006, SUBJECT TO THE EXECUTION OF PROFFERS CONSISTENT WITH THOSE DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 2014.

Commissioner Hall: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Ms. Hall. Is there a discussion of the motion? All those in favor of the motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that it approve RZ 2014-PR-006, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries. Mr. Hart.

Commissioner Hart: Second, Mr. Chairman, I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS: A MODIFICATION OF THE PERIPHERAL LOT LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE LANDSCAPING AND STREETSCAPES SHOWN ON THE GDP AND A MODIFICATION OF THE FRONT YARD SETBACKS IN FAVOR OF THE SETBACKS SHOWN ON THE GDP AND AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 2-418 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

Commissioner Hall: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Ms. Hall. Is there a discussion of that motion? All those in favor of the motion, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

Commissioner Hart: And finally, Mr. Chairman, I further MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF DPWES TO PERMIT APPROVAL OF A DEVIATION FROM THE TREE PRESERVATION TARGET PERCENTAGE IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED LANDSCAPING SHOWN ON THE GDP AND AS PROFFERED.

Commissioner Hall: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Ms. Hall. Is there a discussion of that motion? All those in favor of the motion, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

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(Each motion carried by a vote of 10-0. Commissioners Flanagan and Lawrence were absent from the meeting.)

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